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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DCI for
Counterintelligence

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Director of Security

SUBJECT: Proposed National Clearance/Investigative
Policy

George:

1. Attached you will find a paper which I believe effectively portrays the state of variance that exists today in the conduct of personnel security investigations and the granting of clearances in the Federal Government. I believe this paper would be very useful to the Special Coordination Committee Counterintelligence Working Group. My sense of it is that it would be an effective follow-up of Bob Gambino's 7 February 1980 appearance before that Group wherein he briefed on the topic.

2. Specifically, my proposal is to send the attached to SCC/CIWG along with a cover memorandum that I would sign as the Director of Security. The latter would assert that the problems in this field are enormous and they will not easily be solved, aggressiveness and eagerness notwithstanding. Nevertheless, I will opine that the Security Committee is the proper vehicle for evolutionary and therapeutic change. In this regard, I will pledge that the Security Committee will proceed systematically after Labor Day to address the issues of inconsistency and variance, particularly in the matter of minimal standards.

3. My point is that SCC/CIWG needs a text such as the attached and my proposed cover memorandum to bring them back to earth as to what is obtainable and what is probably not obtainable in this most difficult area. What do you think?

Attachment

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